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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-27 stand allowed, claims 2, 3, 5, 14 and 21 objected to and claims 1, 4, 6, 8-13 and 15-20 rejected in the outstanding Official Action. Applicants have cancelled without prejudice claims 2 and 21 and amended claims 1, 3, 5, 14 and 20. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 8-20 and 24-27 are the only claims remaining in this application.

On page 3, sections 6 and 7 of the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 24-27 are allowed and claims 2, 3, 5, 14 and 21 contain allowable subject matter. These indications are very much appreciated.

Applicants have cancelled without prejudice claims 2 and 21, and added the limitations of claims 2 and 21 into independent claim 1 and independent claim 20, respectively. The dependency of claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1, thereby placing it and all other claims dependent from claim 1 in condition for allowance.

Claim 5, containing allowable subject matter, has been amended to read in independent form incorporating the limitations of claim 1 and claim 4, but without the claim 2 limitation that "said first material is a ferromagnetic material." Similarly, claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of original claim 1 and claim 13, but without the "ferromagnetic" limitation added to claim 1.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, claim 1 and claims 3, 4, 6, 8-13 and 15-19 dependent on claim 1 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 5 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form based upon the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in those claims and therefore they should be in condition for allowance. Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 21 which had been indicated as containing allowable

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subject matter and therefore should be allowable. Claims 24-27 have already been indicated as allowable.

Entry of the Amendment Under Rule 116

In view of the above amendments all remaining claims are either allowed or contain allowable subject matter. There are no claims remaining in this application other than claims which are either allowed or contain previously indicated allowable subject matter. Accordingly, entry of the above amendment will terminate prosecution and facilitate the forwarding of a Notice of Allowance in this application.

The above amendments to the claims raise no new issues requiring further consideration or search and the subject matter of each of the above claims has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter in the outstanding Final Rejection. While claims 2 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice, no new claims have been offered which might require further consideration and/or search. Entry of this amendment will obviate the need for appeal. Accordingly, in view of the provisions of Rule 116, entry of the above amendment is believed appropriate and is respectfully requested.

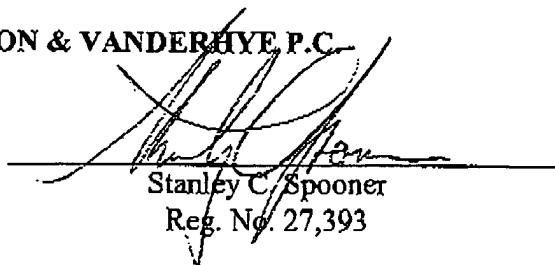
Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that remaining claims 1, 3-6, 8-20 and 24-27 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

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